Medical attention to patients during doctors strike

1600. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 9-7-1989 to the effect that poor patients have not been getting proper medical treatment in Government Hospitals during junior doctors' strike; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide proper medical facilities to the poor people of the country in such eventualities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) Poor patients had been getting proper medical treatment in Government Hospitals during Junior doctors' strike as all hospitals were running O.P.D. emergency and inpatient service for poor people round the clock. Senior doctors, specialists and general doctors pooled together were working in shifts round the clock.

IPKF personnel killed/injured in Sri Lanka

1601. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 37 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th July, 1989 and state:

(a) the number of Indian troops killed or injured in Sri Lanka from the beginning of their operations till 31st December, 1988 between 1st January to 31st May, 1989 and between 1st June, 1989 todate, separately; and

(b) the amount of compensation given to the victims or their next of the kins of the deceased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) The number of Indian troops killed/injured in Sri Lanka from the beginning of their operations is as follows:—

	Killed	Wounded
Aug 87 to 31-12-88	745	1964
1-1-89 to 31-5-89	158	432
1-6-89 to 26-7-89	74	146

(b) The amount disbursed towards Family Pension and Death Gratuity to the families of the deceased personnel is approximately Rs. 2.36 crores upto 10-7-1989.

Foundation-stones laid by the Prime Minister on various schemes

1602. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of foundation-stones of new schemes laid by the Prime Minister all over the country during the period from the 1st April, 1989 to 30th June, 1989;

(b) the number of those laid during the same period, last year;

(c) the number of foundation-stones of new projects laid by him from the 1st January, 1985 to 30th June 1989; and

(d) the number of projects, out of the above, on which work has actutally been started?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Union representing the Extra Departmental employees

1603. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Unions which are representing the cause of Extra Departmental employees exclusively, the number of meetings of these Unions held and the problems solved in these meetings;

(b) whether the problems of Extra Departmental Employees are still being discussed in the Departmental Council of J.C.M.; and

(c) if so, how and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The names of the Unions representing exclusively the cause of Extra Departmental employees are:

(i) National Union of Extra Departmental Agents; and

(ii) Bhartiya Extra Departmental Employees Union.

In all 9 meetings have been held with Unions representing ED employees since bifurcation of erstwhile P&T Departments in the year 1985; and the details of the problems solved in these meetings are indicating in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

1. *Abolition of categories of E.D. Posts*—It was agreed that the existing incumbents would continue till they are absorbed.

2. *Re-instatement of service of E.D. employees discharged from service.*—It was decided that EDAs whose posts are not justified would be retained as surplus till alternative posts become available for them.

3 *Constitution of Internal E.D. Committee.* It was agreed to constitute an internal ED Committee and the same was constituted.

4. *Non-employment or employment in special circumstances only of EDAS in RMS.*—A provision has been made for absorption of ED Agents in Group 'D' posts irrespective of the fact whether they are employed in Postal Wing or RMS.

5. *Absence from duty beyond 180 days—discharge from service of an ED. employees not justified.—Powers have* been delegated to all Heads of Circles for grant of leave beyond 180 days on medical grounds to ED employees.